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City of Seattle - University of Washington Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes

Meeting # 134

August 12, 2014

UW Tower

4333 Brooklyn Avenue

Seattle, WA 98105

22nd Floor

Members and Alternates Present

Matt Fox	Brett Forsaker
Douglas Campbell	Barbara Quinn
Ashley Emery	Jan Arntz
Jean Amick	Chris Leman

Staff and Others Present

Steve Sheppard	Theresa Doherty
Kristine Kenne	Ken Kubotay
Eric Smith	Katheryn Foster
Dave Anderson	

(See sign-in sheet)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Matt Fox opened the meeting.

II. Housekeeping – Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved without changes.

III. CUCAC Consideration of its Possible Comments to the DEIS the Animal Research and Care Facility

Mr. Fox opened discussion on the DEIS concerning the Animal Research and Care Facility. He noted that CUCAC had previously reviewed the facility and that he understood that this facility was generating considerable comment, mostly related to its use rather than environmental concerns. Mr. Fox noted that: 1) the 1500 sq. ft. entry pavilion was not clearly depicted in the document; 2) the views across the Portage Bay are not clear; and 3) temporary road lane closures during construction should be more fully addressed.

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Mr. Fox then asked other members for their comments. Members stated that they had no additional comments, and that the issue of the appropriateness of animal research, while important, was neither a function of the EIS nor under the immediate purview of CUCAC. No further comments were put forward.

IV. Update on the Design of the Police Precinct

Mr. Ken Kubota, the project manager for the University's capital project made a brief presentation and update on the design of the UW Police Precinct. Mr. Kubota noted that the project had been reviewed by CUCAC previously, but that there had been some changes to the design due in large part to budgetary constraints. The current project is now in the design and development phase. Permits will be submitted at the middle or end of the month and the selection process and bids for electrical, and plumbing sub-contractors will begin in October. The Police Precinct construction will begin around April 2015 and will last about a year.

Mr. Kubota mentioned that 19 sites were initially reviewed as potential locations. The final site was chosen and previously identified and reviewed with CUCAC. CUCAC endorsed its selection.

The chosen site is between 15th Avenue NE, and University Way NE from just south of Gould Hall to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stake. The University of Washington owns the entire block except the LDS stake. The site is divided into two parts, the building and the parking area. The parking area will be for fleet vehicles only and the gates open during shift changes.

The site is sloped about 17 ft. north to south and this plus the specific design of the building creates a daylight basement for the precinct. The ground floor of the building will have holding rooms for suspect processing, evidence storage, locker rooms and a bike facility. The building's upper floors will accommodate basic police station offices.

The initial pre-design budget was initially set at \$27 million but for a variety of reasons has been reduced to \$19.5 million. This has forced revisions. Most of the changes relate to changes to finishing materials and other details. The facility is still essentially similar in basic design to what was previously reviewed by CUCAC.

Mr. Fox commented that he saw no problem with the building design. Other CUCAC members commented on the importance of landscaping to soften the wall effect as well as the importance of the choices of siding materials and security for the precinct. Mr. Kubota responded that the University Landscape Advisory committee was involved and participated with their own design review. The construction document phase will finish on November and the police will move in around August 2016.

V. Update on the West Campus Design Framework

Ms. Caitlyn Clauson from Mahlum Architects was recognized to give a brief update of the West Campus Design Framework. She noted that this process would feed into the upcoming revisions to the overall Campus Master Plan. It was noted that much of the University development in the future might occur in the West Campus.

The project is identifying several scenarios and testing various variables and possible design elements. Ms. Clauson noted that the project is in the middle of phase 2, which involves the

analysis and identifying of the variables, getting feedback from constituents. A set of final scenarios will be finalized fall.

Ms. Clauson commented that the Project team has been involving various stakeholders in the process. Discussions have been ongoing with 35 different groups and stakeholders about the West Campus. The five main themes have emerged, including:

- 1) Maintain the distinct character of the campus
- 2) Encourage Collaboration
- 3) Innovation across multiple levels
- 4) Maintain Flexibility
- 5) Create a safe and active pedestrians neighborhood.

Ms. Clauson also mentioned that the active variables identified were: 1) identity of the District; 2) density of the area; 3) mix of uses - such as academic, research, housing, retail services, and amenities, space for collaboration, outdoor recreation spaces, parking, utilities, arts functions, etc.; 4) approaches to landscape which involves a central square, linear land square or combination of multiple elements; and 5) enabling projects and implementation

The next process is to look at these variables and develop three scenarios based on these variables for wider presentation in the fall.

Ms. Clauson informed the committee that the team welcomes additional feedback as these scenarios are being worked out. There will be various surveys and other feedback opportunities available to various groups around the neighborhood. She noted that further questions about the design framework should be directed to Ms. Rebecca Barnes.

VI. New Business

Members expressed some concern over the surface treatment of the pavement along Montlake from the Montlake Bridge north to lot E12. The surface texture is rough and difficult for bicyclists. Ms. Theresa Doherty noted the concern and stated that she would investigate the issue and provide an update.

Another member noted that two consultants have been retained to undertake a series of three events in October and November looking at the Open Space Plan for the University District. This issue has been reviewed by CUCAC and the Committee had previously concluded that it was a critical element of the ongoing U-District planning. Members were urged to help publicize this event.

VII. Adjournment

No further business being before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.